

1. **Des Moines Public Schools - Brody Students Engage with EPA on Water Quality** - 10/4/14 - Both Brooks and Baskin said that much progress has been made in controlling what they termed point-source water pollution, the kind that can even set rivers aflame. "But non-point source," like what's caused by runoff from farm pesticides, for instance, "that's a problem that your generation is going to have to help with," Brooks told the students. <http://www.dmschools.org/2014/10/brody-students-engage-with-epa-on-water-quality/>
2. **WHO Ch. 13 Des Moines - Students Talk Water Quality with Regional EPA Administrator** (video) - 10/3/14 - A group of students at Brody Middle School spent the afternoon talking about water quality. As a part of a unit learning about the subject, they held a roundtable discussion joined by special guests Karl Brooks from the Environmental Protection Agency and Kevin Baskins from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. <http://whotv.com/2014/10/03/students-talk-water-quality-with-epa-administrator/>
3. **Des Moines Register - Your Students, Your Schools: Des Moines, Saydel** - 10/10/14 - EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks visited with Brody seventh-grade students about EPA's role in protecting water quality. Brooks' visit included a role-play exercise featuring six groups of students representing EPA, scientists, farmers, concerned citizens, Des Moines Water Works, and non-profits. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/local/des-moines/2014/10/10/students-schools-des-moines-saydel/16990463/>
4. **The Gazette, Cedar Rapids, Iowa - EPA official encouraged by Iowa water quality initiative | Agency says downstream pollution needs more work** - 10/6/14 - Karl Brooks, administrator for the EPA's Midwest region, told a group of Iowa middle-school students that progress has been made in getting the strategy into action but he quickly added the work is "not finished, not complete, not yet a success but encouraging." <http://thegazette.com/subject/news/business/agriculture/epa-official-encouraged-by-iowa-water-quality-initiative-20141005>
5. **High Plains/Midwest Ag Journal - Water issues are important to EPA, new Iowa alliance** - 9/9/14 - Farmers are concerned about the potential changes by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the waters of the United States. EPA Region 7 administrator Karl Brooks visited the Farm Progress Show in Boone, Iowa, Aug. 27, to discuss some of these changes with farmers. [http://www.hpj.com/ag\\_news/article\\_ca012a03-fd00-5183-8355-198530ab8ff0.html](http://www.hpj.com/ag_news/article_ca012a03-fd00-5183-8355-198530ab8ff0.html)
6. **AgWired - EPA Official Talks WOTUS at FPS** - 8/29/14 - Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks held an informal press availability at the Farm Progress Show on Wednesday to mainly talk about the proposed Waters of the United States rule. He stressed the point that has been made by other officials that the rule exempts all normal farming practices that are currently exempt. <http://precision.agwired.com/2014/08/29/epa-official-talks-wotus-at-fps/>
7. **Facebook - Environmental Restoration, LLC.** - 7/31/14 - Karl Brooks of EPA Region 7 just spoke on "Green Thoughts", here at the Missouri Chamber of Conference Environmental & Energy Conference at the Lake. So much to learn each year at the conference, you should attend! [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?id=209872462396625&story\\_fbid=785539034829962](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?id=209872462396625&story_fbid=785539034829962)
8. **KMOX Radio St. Louis - EPA Plans Limited Tests of Bridgeton Ball Fields** - 5/19/14 - The EPA lays out its plans for testing little league ball fields for possible radioactive contamination from the nearby West Lake Landfill. EPA Regional Administrator Karl Brooks says his team will test for gamma radiation starting May 19th from "fence to fence" within the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/05/13/little-league-coach-team-wont-take-field-until-epa-conducts-radiation-tests/>

9. **Kansas City Business Journal - EPA regional chief says administration wants collaboration on greenhouse gas rules** - 4/11/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency wants to work with states, local governments and business groups — not dictate to them — as it drafts a policy aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions, Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks said Monday. Brooks, head of the EPA regional office in Kansas City, Kan., spoke at an event called the Greenhouse Gas Strategies Forum sponsored by Black & Veatch.  
<http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/news/2014/08/11/epa-regional-chief-says-administration-wants.html>
10. **Al Jazeera America - Emissions, climate-change debate hits heartland as EPA visits Kansas** - 11/6/13 - The federal agency is looking to gather public opinion before making recommendations on regulations by June 2014 - In his introductory remarks at the hearing, local EPA director Karl Brooks said, "Science tells us climate change is real." He explained that the EPA wants public input and continued, "We're here to hear ideas."  
<http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2013/11/6/emissions-climatechangedebatehitsheartlandasepavisitskansas.html>
11. **The Focus News (St. Louis County) - Pair of Settlement Agreements with Responsible Parties to Clear Way for \$30M Cleanup of Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis** - 8/2/13 - "A new day has dawned for North St. Louis," EPA Regional Administrator Karl Brooks said. "Today marks the beginning of the end for a longtime hazard and community eyesore, and an exciting milestone for EPA, elected officials and community members who have worked together to clean up and revitalize an historic part of this great city."  
<http://www.thefocusnews.com/Number49web2013.pdf>
12. **Associated Press - 'Environmental Racism': Future of toxic St. Louis EPA Superfund site to be announced** - 7/30/13 - Elected officials, leaders of the Environmental Protection Agency's regional office and others spoke at a ceremony outside the old Carter Carburetor plant to announce plans for a \$30 million cleanup. The remediation is funded by Carter Building Inc. and ACF Industries Inc., a successor to the company that owned the carburetor factory. Work is expected to start by the end of summer. "Today marks the beginning of the end for a longtime hazard and community eyesore," Karl Brooks, administrator for EPA Region 7, said at the ceremony. <http://newpittsburghcourieronline.com/2013/07/30/environmental-racism-future-of-toxic-st-louis-epa-superfund-site-to-be-announced/>
13. **St. Louis Magazine - Democracy Inaction** - 6/28/13 - No less a high-ranking official than EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks took the lead role, assuring everyone from the outset that the landfill posed no health risks whatsoever, provided one didn't come in direct contact with it by trespassing through the chain-link fence that cordons it off.  
<http://www.stlmag.com/news/Democracy-Inaction/>
14. **Globetrotter St. Louis - Polluted Air, Climate Change Impacts The Health of Area Residents** - 4/29/13 - However, Karl Brooks is more animated about the area's poor air-quality, even though he admits it has tremendously improved since 1989. As the EPA regional administrator out of Kansas City, Brooks admitted that the area has his concern and that of U.S. President Obama in terms of eradicating these troublesome public health issues.  
<http://www.globetrotterstl.com/2013/04/polluted-air-climate-change-impacts-the-health-of-area-residents/>
15. **Farm-News - A call for better soil | Iowa: Leading hypoxia zone contributor** - 3/15/13 - Karl Brooks, the region 7 executive director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, based in Kansas City, Mo., spoke to 150 people on March 4 in Ames saying the voluntary compliance can work "because the EPA has identified farmers as the most flexible to changes, especially to safeguard the land's heritage." - <http://www.farm-news.com/page/content.detail/id/508971/A-call-for-better-soil-management.html>

16. **Iowa CCI Action Newsletter - EPA Officials Call Results of Your Work Precedent Setting** – March 2013 - In our third meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Karl Brooks the Region 7 EPA Director called the clean water framework coming to Iowa, as a result of your work, “precedent setting” on a national level. [http://cciaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/CCI-Newsletter\\_spring.pdf](http://cciaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/CCI-Newsletter_spring.pdf)
17. **UMKC University News - EPA Highlights UMKC's Sustainability Efforts** - 11/14/12 - When Environmental Protection Agency's Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks addressed a crowd in the University of Missouri-Kansas City's bustling Student Union, he had two basic goals: To congratulate the university on its sustainability efforts, and to project his voice. It was the ideal backdrop for Brooks' point: that major institutions - even urban ones like UMKC – can manage waste responsibly. <http://www.umkc.edu/news/feature.asp?id=421>
18. **KCUR Kansas City Public Media - Food Is UMKC Focus On America Recycles Day** - 11/15/12 - The Region Seven Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency holds up University of Missouri-Kansas City's food recovery and dining recycling programs as examples to emulate. Karl Brooks toured the student union on “America Recycles Day.” <http://kcur.org/post/food-umkc-focus-america-recycles-day>
19. **Agri-Pulse - Open-Mic: Karl Brooks and the EPA Viewpoint (audio)** - 7/9/12 - In this weeks Agri-Pulse Open Mic, he talks about the controversial topic of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) flyovers of confined animal feeding operations, where small airplanes are used to check for potential violations of the clean water act. Its a practice dating back to when a Republican president first created the EPA. Brooks also talks about his willingness to listen to the agricultural community and how producers investments in new technology have helped improve environmental quality. [http://www.agri-pulse.com/OpenMic-Karl\\_Brooks-2012-07-09.asp](http://www.agri-pulse.com/OpenMic-Karl_Brooks-2012-07-09.asp)
20. **Harvard Law School Environmental Law Society - EPA's Karl Brooks Speaks with ELS** - 11/2/11 - On November 2, 2011, the Harvard Environmental Law Society, Mr. Brooks spoke to HLS students about working on environmental issues in a heavily agricultural area of the country and potential job availability within EPA's Regional Offices. <https://orgs.law.harvard.edu/els/2011/11/01/november-2-2011-karl-brooks-at-hls/>
21. **Sunflower Horizons - EPA official talks air-quality standards progress** - 10/4/11 - Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks, a Lawrence resident and a Kansas University professor of environmental history, spoke at the Lawrence Rotary Club Monday. Brooks discussed ongoing efforts between the EPA and Flint Hills ranchers and landowners to reduce air pollution caused by spring burning of tallgrass prairie. [http://sunflowerhorizons.com/groups/for-the-future/tags/epa\\_1/](http://sunflowerhorizons.com/groups/for-the-future/tags/epa_1/)
22. **Iowa Farmer Today - Separating fact from fiction at fair forum** - 8/25/11 - “We have to stop some of these myths that are going around,” says Jeff Schnell, executive director of the Agribusiness Association of Iowa (AAI). Karl Brooks, EPA Region 7 administrator, says his agency has no plans to implement limits on dust in agriculture. The Clean Air Act of 1972 says particulate matter must be regulated, he says, and that means it is required to examine dust issues in industry. [http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/local/separating-fact-from-fiction-at-fair-forum/article\\_1f02acdc-cf2b-11e0-8f44-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/local/separating-fact-from-fiction-at-fair-forum/article_1f02acdc-cf2b-11e0-8f44-001cc4c002e0.html)
23. **Lawrence Journal-World - Regional EPA administrator Karl Brooks eager to tackle Kansas' challenges** - 6/18/11 - He spoke at the Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vt., on Saturday and answered questions from the audience. Karl Brooks, regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, acknowledged that his job is getting harder. Eighteen months into his career at the regulatory agency, Brooks said he is eager to take on the global environmental challenges the country faces. <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2011/jun/18/regional-epa-administrator-karl-brooks-eager-tackl/>
24. **Kansas Rural Center (blog) - Experts Weigh In On Climate Change** - 12/30/10 - In a panel

discussion following the keynote speaker at the recent sustainable agriculture conference, Region VII EPA Director Karl Brooks discussed the EPA's role in regulations relating to climate change. Brooks acknowledged that the agency's relationship with agriculture has been, at times, "frosty." He said that although EPA's interaction with agriculture regarding greenhouse gases has been very limited, Congress has charged the agency to enforce the Clean Air Act and a 2007 Supreme Court decision dictates that greenhouse gases be included in that enforcement.

<http://kansasruralcenter.blogspot.com/2010/12/experts-weigh-in-on-climate-change.html>

- 25. Kansas Farmers Union - Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, EPA Region 7 Administrator address Kansas Farmers Union Convention** - 12/13/2010 - EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks and Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Josh Svaty spoke to Kansas Farmers Union Convention attendees on Dec. 11 at the Salina Ramada Inn. Brooks said that EPA Region 7 does the most work with agriculture than any other EPA region.

<https://ksfarmersunion.wordpress.com/2010/12/13/kansas-secretary-of-agriculture-epa-region-7-administrator-address-kansas-farmers-union-convention/>

- 26. Farm Progress - EPA expansion sparks worries** – 10/10/10 - Michael Kelsey's comments came last month in an interview during the Nebraska Cattlemen's midyear conference in North Platte. Karl Brooks, administrator of EPA's Region 7 in Kansas City, Kan., spoke at the same conference. Brooks talked of seeking more input from producers, of using the best science available in developing regulations and of the agency's goal of more public transparency. Those are part of what he called a "normal regulatory relationship" that he wants his EPA region to use in dealing with ag groups like Nebraska Cattlemen.

<http://magissues.farmprogress.com/DFM/DK10Oct10/dfm045.pdf>

- 27. St. Louis Chinese American News - RCGA Energy and Environment Council Welcomes U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Karl Brooks** - 7/1/2010 - Dr. Karl Brooks, U.S. EPA Regional Administrator, spoke to 75 RCGA Energy and Environmental Council members at their May 20th meeting. Dr. Brooks complimented the RCGA for leading the St. Louis Climate Prosperity Project and its efforts to connect sustainability with economic growth.

<http://www.scanews.com/2010/07/s1036/103620/>